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UKRAINIAN METALLURGY FAILS TO MEET PLANS; CRITICIZED FOR EXCESS CONSUMPTION OF ORE AND FULL

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The USSR metallurgical industry fulfilled the 1950 plan and considerably exceeded the prevar production level for metal smelting. The Five-Year Plan was exceeded by 2,200,000 tons of steel, 2,630,000 tons of rolled steel, and 440,000 tons of iron pipe. Ukrainian metallurgical enterprises, restored since the war, are producing more metal now than before the war. The output of Ukrainian metallurgical plants now constitutes about 50 percent of the entire USSR output, and Ukrainian production of steel and rolled steel is about one third of the total USSR production.

However, Ukrainian metallurgical enterprises are not fully utilizing their reserves. In 1950, they failed to fulfill the gross-production plan as well as the plan for assortment of goods. The largest enterprises of the Ukraine, including the "Azovstal:" Plant, "Zaporozhstal:" Plant, and Plant imeni Petrovskiy, still fail to meet their plans. The smelting of pig iron, especially, is very much behind schedule.(1)

There are serious shortcomings in the work of many ferrous metallurgy enterprises. In 1950, ferrous metallurgy did not fulfill the production plan for all categories of metal products. This is due, mainly, to inefficient operation of enterprises of the South.(2)

Minister of Finance Zverev has drawn attention to the considerable waste of ore, materials, and fuel in ferrous metallurgy enterprises. In 1950, the Makeyevka Metallurgical Plant used an excessive amount of coke and ore worth 50,800,000 rubles, the "Zaporozhstal'" Plant spent and excess of 46,800,000 rubles, and the Plant imeni Petrovskiy in Dnepropetrovsk exceeded the norm by 15,300,000 rubles.

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The Dnepropetrovsk oblast and city committees were severely criticized at recent party conferences for their failure to give serious attention to basic problems of metallurgical enterprises. The situation has not changed much since the conferences and no decisive steps have been taken to ensure the fulfillment of plans by metallurgical plants and the reduction of losses in production. For example, the Plant imeni Petrovskiy is still continuing to use excessive quantities of ore, materials, and fuel.(3)

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